

## **Healthy Kansas Minute Radio Interview – Center for Health Disparities – National Minority Health Month**

**Joe:** This is the Healthy Kansas Minute. I'm Joe Blubaugh, and with me is Sharon Goolsby, Director of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Center for Health Disparities and April is National Minority Health Month.

**Sharon:** Improving the health status of racial, ethnic and tribal citizens has always been a serious concern for community leaders. This initiative helps garner support and encouragement to help eliminate disparities across the country. The goals of this initiative are to build public/private partnerships, foster cultural competency among health care providers, encourage health education and training and expand the use of state-of-the-art technology.

**Joe:** Are there any events planned for Kansas as part of this initiative?

**Sharon:** There will be dozens of activities held at various locations around the state to raise awareness for health issues impacting racial, ethnic and tribal communities. In addition, KDHE - CHD is sponsoring the annual Health Disparities Conference in Topeka.

**Joe:** Thank you, Sharon. To learn more about health disparities, please visit the Center for Health Disparities Website at [www.minorityhealthks.org](http://www.minorityhealthks.org). This has been the Healthy Kansas Minute!